

CRUSH IT—IN HONOR OF A REAL
AMERICAN HERO, SGT MICHAEL
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HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of a strong son of the South, and a real American hero, SGT Michael Cameron of Atlanta. Another freedom fighter, from that great State of Georgia, who went off to war for his country. On April 1, 2007, Michael lost his leg in southern Iraq, and almost his life, but he's come back home even stronger in his quest to rebuild his life. With the support of his lovely wife and their beautiful daughter, they are living the American dream as he is back in college at Emory University embarking upon a new career. I ask that this poem penned by Albert Caswell, who has grown to admire his strength and courage and determination over the years, be placed in the RECORD in honor of his courageous life . . .

CRUSH IT

In times of war, Georgia Men . . .
Have but our Nation's burdens bore!
Men like Max Cleland, whose fine hearts
have soared!
As into That Darkness, they'd so moved
forth!
As there they Crushed It! Moved it, and ran
right through it . . .
All in the darkest of all evils, as Michael you
so pursued it!
As you so ran right up to it, as death you so
viewed it . . .
Built for speed! All in your heroes creed . . .
You Crushed It!
As you could not be stopped, as you would
not heed!
As deep . . . deep . . . deep . . . deep down in-
side, your great heart . . .
So began to beat!
To give you all that you so needed!
As a Hero, a Freedom Fighter . . .
As all for God and country you would so
bleed . . .
A bold Army Man, who now so stands . . .
As life and death, all so lie all in your hands
. . .
The kind of guy, A Band of Brothers . . .
wants by their side . . .
All in the darkest of all nights, who will so
stand . . .
While, all there in that moment of truth . . .
When, all seems so lost . . .
Your fine heart so shows us the proof!
As looking down, as you so found . . . your
strong leg not found . . .
And yet somehow, your fine heart will not be
reduced!
As you had to Crush It . . . as you must re-
build, all but with your iron will . . .
As you Crushed It . . .
As so much depends upon you Mike . . .
Pumping up, as once again it's all up to you
. . . my son!
To rebuild where none lies left,
as your fine heart so instills, for you to but
be only your very best!
As with your courage, you so Crushed It . . .
Oh yes . . . as all of us you have so blessed
. . .
As we watch you, when your courage comes
to crest . . .
All in your time life's reps, as an Army man
who so can . . .
To Be The Best!
As you will not wait, as you will not rest . . .

All in this, your life's most heroic quest!
You Crush It!
Surely, legs we can all live without . . .
But, heart's . . . we can not so surely live no
doubt . . .
As but where all of your courage so comes
from, is all about!
Watching you Michael, we so understand . . .
Just what the word Hero, is all about!
Whether, on battlefields of honor seen . . .
Or back home rebuilding your life, Michael
You Are Seen, Crushing It!
With but all of your, Most Heroic Dreams!
Teaching Us! Reaching Us! As all hearts here
so Beseeching Us . . .
Making dynamic gains, all in your life's
theme!
Chiseled, from the top on down . . .
Rebuilding, your life into a work of art so
profound!
As, there is nothing that's going to hold this
Army Man down!
A Freedom Fighter, who all hearts will so ig-
nite here . . .
Crushing us now, all with what's all in your
heart so found!
And if I ever have a son, I but hope and pray
he could be like this fine one!
Who So Shines, like this Southern Son . . .
For what your heart and life has won!
You've Crushed It!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on Monday, September 16, 2010, due to a meeting at the Institutes of Medicine. If I were present, I would have voted:

"Yea" on rollcall 526, On Ordering the Previous Question, H. Res. 1620—Providing for consideration of H.R. 4785, the Rural Energy Savings Program Act.

"Yea" on rollcall 527, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 1620—Providing for consideration of H.R. 4785, the Rural Energy Savings Program Act.

"Yea" on rollcall 528, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Concur in the Senate Amendments, H.R. 3562—To designate the Federal building under construction at 1220 Echelon Parkway in Jackson, Mississippi, as the Chaney, Goodman, Schwerner Federal Building.

H.R. 5827, PROTECTING GUN OWNERS IN BANKRUPTCY ACT

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 5827, the Protecting Gun Owners in Bankruptcy Act. This legislation would provide a special exemption to allow gun owners to keep certain firearms during bankruptcy proceedings.

Bankruptcy is a difficult and trying time for all families who face it. The federal system is designed to protect some personal items from being seized, because they are essential to an individual or family's livelihood. Assets such as

clothing, household furnishings, retirement funds, and social security benefits are exempt from seizure—within certain limits—so that those struggling through bankruptcy have something to restart their lives with. While this bill may be a political victory for the American gun lobby, a special carve-out for guns would do nothing to help families emerge from the crisis of bankruptcy.

In these times of economic hardship, millions of working families are facing bankruptcy and foreclosure. They need real help, not carve-outs for special interests.

RECOGNIZING MR. CLYDE
MCQUEEN OF THE FULL EM-
PLOYMENT COUNCIL

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the achievements of Mr. Clyde McQueen, an individual who has dedicated his life to economic development and job training initiatives in the Fifth Congressional District of Missouri, the district that I am honored to represent. This week, during the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference, Mr. McQueen will be inducted into the Missouri Walk of Fame, an annual occasion held to honor the achievements of African Americans who have made significant contributions to Missouri.

Mr. McQueen serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Full Employment Council—Missouri Career Center, a center that works to promote job training and placement in the Kansas City, Missouri and the surrounding areas. The Full Employment Council is a nonprofit organization tasked with providing career employment and training for the unemployed and the underemployed. In this position, Mr. McQueen, administers and directs funding towards job training, education, and economic development. The Full Employment Council is responsible for program activities that work to develop employment training programs in rural, urban, and suburban areas.

Mr. McQueen has served in this role for over 23 years, and has assisted over a half a million people during his tenure. While in this position, Mr. McQueen's commitment to unemployment has been recognized by a proclamation from the Missouri House and Senate, as well as from a letter of appreciation from former President Bill Clinton in recognition of support offered to the President during his 1996 visit to Kansas City. Prior to serving as President and CEO of the Full Employment Council, Mr. McQueen served as Division Director of Training and Employment Development for the Texas Department of Community Affairs. In this role, Mr. McQueen was responsible for directing the budget to fund units of government, business organizations, and community based groups for job training and employment initiatives.

Mr. McQueen received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Speech Communication and Political Science from the Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. Currently, he is a board member of the U.S. Conference of Mayor's Workforce Development Council, and was appointed to the Missouri Automobile Task Force by Missouri Governor Jay Nixon. Mr. McQueen has been